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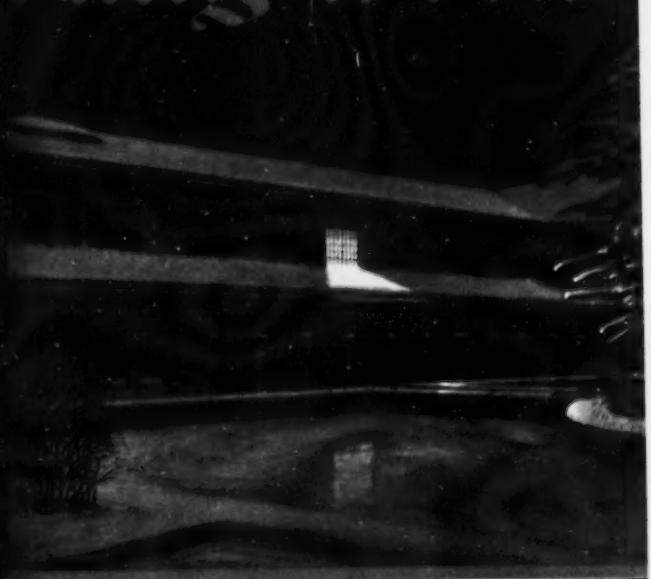

DECEMBER 1953

Season's Greetings

Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . **In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.**

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: **Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding, and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.**

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ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): **The light of the Christ consciousness shines full upon me, and original spiritual understanding is revealed.**

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): **Through the birth of the Christ consciousness in my soul, all God's rich gifts are now bestowed upon me.**

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HEALING (9 p.m.): **The glory of the Christ consciousness now awakened in my soul, quickens, heals, and strengthens me.**

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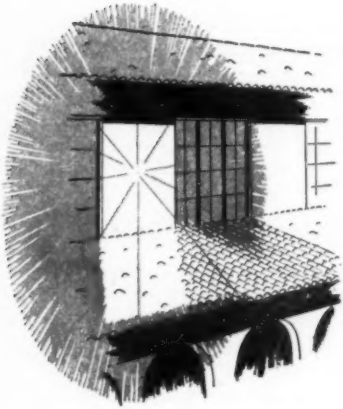
The Light That Shines for You



It is natural for us to celebrate Christmas by lighting lights, for Jesus Christ was "the true Light, which lighteth every man." At Unity Village Christmas trees are festooned with colored lights, and the buildings are hung with lighted wreaths.

If some night at this season you should drive along U.S. Highway No. 50 and turn in at the entrance to Unity Village, the lights would be like blazing pools. There are lights at the entrance, on the Tower, on the Administration Building, on the bridge across the mirror pool, around the patio outside the Inn—all these you could not help but see. But there is one light that you might easily overlook.

This is a light that shines from a window in the Silent Unity Building. In terms of candlepower this light is very small; it casts a faint golden glow

on the tiles of the cloister roof, on which it falls.

It is only in terms of spiritual power that this light has significance, for this is the light in the room where Silent Unity keeps the constant vigil prayer.

Probably the gaslight shed but feeble illumination on the upstairs room of the house in Kansas City, where Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and a few friends met more than sixty years ago "in silent soul communion . . . all those who are in trouble, sickness, or poverty, and who sincerely desire the help of the Good Father."

But a light was lighted then far brighter than eyes have power to see; a light for minds to follow and for hearts to be warmed by. This is the light of Silent Unity's prayer. This light has never gone out.

For more than sixty-three years someone in Silent Unity has been in prayer. In the early morning, throughout the day, through the dark hours of the night, week in, week out, month following month, through years of war and peace, through depression and prosperity, for more than sixty-three years—prayer!

Today in the room at Unity Village where the light is kept burning this ceaseless vigil of prayer goes on.

From the moment a message is received at Unity

it is infolded in an atmosphere of prayer. All members of Silent Unity join in prayer at 8 a. m. every day, using the DAILY WORD lesson for the day. At 10:45 a. m. certain workers—those who through years of service have established a high sense of consecration—join in the prayer room for what is known in Silent Unity as the "healing meeting," where the needs of individuals are taken up in prayer. At noon the whole group joins again in prayer, and at 2:30 p. m. it unites in prayer once more. At 9 p. m. the night staff takes part in a healing meeting.

Yet these meetings are but a small part of the sum of prayer in Silent Unity. All day long as letters, telegrams, and telephone calls flow across the desks, every worker—the person who came to work yesterday and the one who has been in Silent Unity for many years, the one who first receives a message from a correspondent, the one who checks the address and does the necessary filing work, the one who addresses the envelope that carries Silent Unity's answer, the one who writes the letter and chooses the prayer and pamphlet to send, the one who puts the answer in the mail—blesses each request he handles. And every half hour throughout the day the workers, one after another, go into the prayer room to pray alone. Throughout the night, the spiritual vigil

goes on in the room where the light is kept shining.

Yet, even this does not complete the sum of prayers of which Silent Unity is the radiating center. All over the earth, constantly, there are hearts attuned to ours in Silent Unity, voices joined with ours in declaring the Unity affirmations of faith, hundreds of thousands speaking words of blessing, breathing prayers of love, continually adding to the spiritual force, the prayer-force that is Silent Unity.

This is why the light that shines from the window, though to the eye it seems only a little light, lights the farthest corners of the earth. This is why "down under" in Australia, deep in darkest Africa, beyond the Arctic Circle, this light is shining. In these and other faraway places hearts are warmed by it, minds are illumined by it.

This is a spiritual light. It is the spiritual light generated by sixty-three years of constant prayer, generated by the prayers that are continually going forth in Silent Unity today, going forth at the very moment you read these words, generated by prayers going forth all over the world.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is the ministry of Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the light of the world." "Ye are the light of the

world." It is the light of His Spirit that radiates from our window, radiates through our prayers, the Christ light lit by many years of faith in Him, by many thoughts of love for Him, by many hearts and minds consecrated to serving Him.

The light of His Truth, like the light in the window, may seem only a little light; but if you are lost, you may find your way again by it.

Are you in need of help? Sit down and begin to write, "Dear Silent Unity . . ." Even as you write the words, you will feel the silent unity of love, the silent unity of those who pray together, the silent unity of God and man, the silent unity of Spirit that is Silent Unity. Even as you write the words, in your heart and mind the light will begin to glow.

Go to a telephone, wherever you may be, in any part of the earth, at any moment of the day or night, and call BAltimore 4720, Kansas City, Missouri. From the room where the light shines a voice will ring out for your heart to hear, "Silent Unity!" and the light that shines in this window will begin to shine for you.

If you cannot write a letter, if you cannot reach a telephone, heart speaks to heart across the silence of prayer. Let your heart cry out in faith and hope and love; turn in your mind to Silent Unity and utter a silent prayer for help; even as you turn, you

step within the circle of the light.

Silent Unity is as a pool of light, an ever-widening pool of trust in God, forever being fed by continual affirmations of faith. Every word of prayer is as a loving hand stretched forth to help into the pool, someone in need.

Though the world may fall asleep to spiritual truth, the faith of Silent Unity never sleeps, never slacks. Here always someone has his heart outreached in prayer to everyone who reaches out his heart. Here constantly we keep the vigil of faith, the watch of prayer. This is a spiritual trust we keep, a spiritual tryst, a trust we keep in God, a tryst we keep with anyone who may be in need.

All those who are in need we embrace with our prayers and draw them close to God, draw them into closer awareness of the good that is theirs in Him. We embrace them with our hearts and draw them into the light of His love and His truth and His power.

Are you in need of help?

There is a light that shines for you. Wherever you are, whatever your need, you can step into this light.

Do you need peace for your mind? The light floods your mind, the light of the Christ Mind. It penetrates into cobwebby corners; it unravels knotty tangles; it shows the way to go; it banishes

anxiety; it brings order and wisdom, a new and valiant hope, a clearer, loftier vision.

Do you need health for your body? The light shines in your body, the warm light of life, the vitalizing light of Spirit. It suffuses the cells, it bathes the tissues. It leaps forth as a living spark to rekindle health and strength. In its life-giving glow your body is revealed as a temple of light, a temple of the living God.

Do you need prosperity for your affairs? The light illumines your affairs. It reveals new opportunities, invisible avenues of supply. It discloses rich ideas that you can use; it gives you a sense of security in which you have the courage and the faith to step forward; it lights the steps for you to take; it shows you the way to the riches of the kingdom of God.

Do you need harmony in your life? The light radiates through every department of your life. It shines on misunderstandings, and they are dissolved. It shines on complications, and they are straightened out. It shines on seeming emptiness, and the emptiness is shown to be filled with beauty and joy and satisfaction. This is the light of understanding, the light of "silent soul communion," the light of Christ compassion, the Christ light of love.

Do you have someone dear to you in need of

help? Your love lifts him into the light. Your prayers lift him into the light. In the light of the omnipresence of God his needs are met.

Are you in need of help?

There is a light that shines for you.

You need never be alone—not even on the darkest night. Silent Unity is no farther from you than a prayer's length.

In a room of a building in Unity Village where a light is shining from a window someone is praying, someone with a spirit kindred to your own, someone whose thoughts reach out to you in faith, someone whose heart reaches out to you in love. The light in this window shines for you. The light in this heart shines for you.

Silent Unity is as the Christ light lit in the window of the world. If you are a traveler on the road of prayer, this light shines for you.

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Thank you for your patience and co-operation!

Tuesday

I STEADFASTLY FOLLOW THE LEADING I RECEIVE IN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

OFTEN, in answer to prayers for guidance the path that appears before us as the right one seems fraught with difficulties and obstacles. Yet, if this way opens to us in answer to earnest seeking, we may take courage and follow it without hesitation. The things that in the beginning seem difficult will prove to be blessings. In the meantime, we can call upon the divine courage innate within us and set out dauntlessly to follow the Father's leading. We may feel that more courage is required than we can possibly muster, still we can take heart in the assurance that all that we need is ours for the asking.

As we remain steadfast and conscientiously follow the path on which we have been led, we shall see good made manifest, and our faith shall be strengthened.

We can choose without fear the way of Truth, in the knowledge that all things work together for good to them that love God.

And thy *life shall be clearer than the noonday; Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.*
—JOB 11:17.

Wednesday

I ABIDE IN THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

WHO CAN put a value on the understanding, the praise, the encouragement of a friend? Yet there are some soul experiences that even our closest friends cannot share.

In such experiences, however, we are not alone. "Ye are my friends," said Jesus. In Jesus Christ we have a friend who is always with us, one who knows and understands the tumult and yearnings of our soul, one who is steadfast when we falter, who is strong when we are weak. We may be confused, perplexed, or fearful, but Jesus Christ sees us as we truly are. He helps us to be wise, constant, and courageous.

Jesus Christ is a living presence, eternally accessible to all who turn to Him.

We come into the living presence of Jesus Christ through prayer. In the stillness we find Him who promised, "Lo, I am with you always."

Jesus Christ is with us, guiding, comforting, strengthening us. In Him we have a beloved friend.

♠ *Lo, I am with you always.*—MATT. 28: 20.

Thursday

I HOLD TO THIS TRUTH ABOUT YOU: GOD IS YOUR HELP IN EVERY NEED!

ALL OF us have persons whom we should like to help; we have friends and dear ones in need of healing, of guidance, of harmony in human relations, of supply for their daily needs. The greatest help we can give another is the spiritual help that is given through faith and prayer. Our prayers go forth as benedictions to others. Our thoughts of faith concerning them, our trust in the presence and power of God in the midst of them bless them and help them in a very real sense.

In the silence of your prayer time, as the name of your dear ones, your friends, or acquaintances come to you, say silently to each one, "God is your help in every need."

Think of them as perfect in God's sight, see them as radiant, whole, loving, wise, rich children of God. Give thanks silently for the truth that has been revealed to you concerning them and know that even as you have spiritual understanding concerning them they feel the upliftment and the blessing of your faith and prayers.

♣ *I will bless thee . . . and be thou a blessing.*—GEN. 12:2.

Friday

I LOVE MY LORD. HIS GOODNESS AND MERCY FILL MY DAYS WITH GLADNESS.

I LOVE MY Lord.

He fulfills my every need; He satisfies my hunger and my thirst.

I love my Lord.

He restores my thoughts and feelings to rejoicing; He inspires me to right action.

I love my Lord.

He guides my steps on paths of life everlasting; He frees me from all fear.

I love my Lord.

He is with me to protect and to comfort me; He prospers me with good in the presence of lack.

I love my Lord.

He heals every wound and disease; He harmonizes my life with an increase of love.

I love my Lord.

He blesses me with goodness and mercy; I dwell in His presence forever.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless *his holy name.*
Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits.

—PSALMS 103:1.

Saturday

GOD IS MY UNFAILING AND INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY AND SUPPORT.

IN HIS book *Prosperity,* Charles Fillmore points to the teaching of Jesus Christ as the way out of lack into prosperity and abundance. He says: "The teaching of Jesus Christ stands out prominently, because it can be practically applied to the affairs of everyday life. It is not alone a religion in the sense that word is usually taken, but is a rule of thinking, doing, living, and being. It is not only ethical but practical, and men have never yet sounded the depths of the simple but all-inclusive words of Jesus Christ."

If you want to demonstrate more prosperity, begin to apply the teaching of Jesus in a practical way. Claim God as your inexhaustible supply and support. His bounty can never be depleted. It is as free as the air you breathe. You can lay hold of your portion of divine bounty by renewing your faith in God, by trusting Him to open to you the riches of His kingdom.

♣ *Yet seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*—LUKE 12:32.

Sunday

THE LIGHT OF THE CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS SHINES FULL UPON ME, AND ORIGINAL SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING IS REVEALED.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

THERE SHINES within me, within the innermost depths of my being the light of Him who is the Christ of God. In this light I perceive that the birth of Jesus is an eternal symbol of the awakening of my spiritual self. As the infant Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and became Jesus the man, so the Christ in me expands from a divine spark almost unperceived into an all-encompassing blaze of divine light whose glory fills me and radiates through me to bring light to all mankind.

Christ is light. I perceive His light, which is shining for me and for every other child of God. The light that is in Him and through Him shines full upon me. I rejoice in ever new, ever more wondrous Truth, which perfect understanding continually reveals to me.

♠ *He that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness.*—JOHN 12:45, 46.

Monday

DECEMBER 7

I MAKE A PROJECT OF LOOKING FOR GOOD, AND ALL NEGATION IS DISSOLVED.

If we fall into the habit of being discouraged we need to make a project of deliberately looking for good. This project should include counting the many blessings we have come to take for granted and counting the ways in which God speaks to us during the day. He speaks to us through other persons, nature, books, inspiring ideas—in countless ways. We can form the habit of counting the good things, large and small, that happen during each day, and our over-all consciousness of good will be deepened. This will enable us to draw our blessings to us, to form new thought habits, and it will set us securely on the path of our highest good.

We can learn to evaluate properly things that appear discouraging and to know that they are powerless since they are not of God. We can become so conscious of the sure outworking of God's good in our lives that negative appearances no longer disturb us. We can stand fast in faith.

♣ *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*—MATT. 7:7.

Tuesday

"LET ME BE TRUE IN ALL I DO,
IN ALL I SAY;
SET THOU A SEAL UPON MY LIPS,
JUST FOR TODAY."

IT IS good to be interested in the welfare of other persons, in their plans and progress, in the things that happen in their lives. However, it is not good to be unduly curious about the affairs of others; it is not good to pass along gossip we my have heard about another; it is not good to say or do anything that in any way hurts another person or tears down his reputation.

Most of us feel that we speak and act only from the best of intentions. We may be sure that this is the case if we make it part of our daily prayer to affirm the presence of God's love and understanding in our hearts, if we resolve in our hearts to speak only constructive, helpful words, if we refuse to pass along anything of a negative nature about another. As we ask God to set a seal upon our lips just for today, we shall gain freedom from any tendency to give the substance of our thought or the power of our word to that which is negative.

♠ *What* is that *to thee? follow thou me.*—JOHN 21:22.

Wednesday

DECEMBER 9

THROUGH THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS IN MY SOUL, ALL GOD'S RICH GIFTS ARE NOW BESTOWED UPON ME.—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

IN ESSENCE I am a perfect spiritual being, a child of the Father, like unto Him because I am created in His image and after His likeness. As His child I am heir to all the rich gifts that abide in Him.

My Father is the Lord of plenty. He has dominion over all Spirit substance, the source of all the manifest good that I desire. Because I am His beloved child, He has given me the assurance that all things which I sincerely desire and ask for in faith He will bestow upon me. Through the Christ consciousness in my soul I am prospered, and I behold plenty being expressed in my life and affairs.

I now affirm my faith in the prospering power of the Christ consciousness. I have faith in God; I have faith that He is the Lord of plenty; I have faith that He is blessing me now with joy, peace, love, wisdom, and plenty in the form of abundance to meet my every need.

♣ *All things that are mine are thine.*—JOHN 17:10.

Thursday

LET LIBERTY, JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PEACE BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

OFTEN as we read about and hear about world and national affairs, we wonder, "What can I do, in the place where I am, to help?" The answer is, We can pray.

Those who are in high places, those who have been entrusted with great responsibilities, those who must make world-affecting decisions need our spiritual support, they need our prayers for understanding, wisdom, and guidance.

We in Silent Unity pray every day for those who govern and guide the affairs of the world, and we ask our DAILY WORD readers to pray with us. Let us see our own governmental leaders and all other world leaders illumined with divine wisdom and guided by Spirit in all that they do.

Let us give thanks that liberty, justice, righteousness, and peace are now being established throughout the world and that everywhere there are men who act as channels for the establishment of God's kingdom on earth.

♣ *Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people.*—II CHRON. 1:10.

Friday

I "LET PATIENCE HAVE ITS PERFECT WORK."

SOMETIMES when things do not work out for us as quickly as we should like, we are tempted to become discouraged and to give up. But it is that extra bit of trusting beyond the point when we would give up which turns the tide. We must never allow impatience to enter our consciousness for a single moment. When we are impatient it is because we are giving more attention to the results we expect at some future time than we are to the healing God, who is within us in the present moment.

No matter what our need may be, let us keep on affirming that God is within us now, that He is guiding us now. We must be so busy trusting God now, doing the work that is before us now to the best of our ability, that we have no time to think of things we should like to do or be or have in the future. As we live each moment of today, rejoicing in His presence all things will work out in the most beautiful way.

♣ *Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. And let patience have* its *perfect work.*—JAMES 1:2, 3, 4.

Saturday

GOD HAS HAPPINESS FOR ME, AND I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART TO ACCEPT THIS HAPPINESS.

WHEN we understand that happiness is the result of giving of ourselves to life we are not devastated when a relationship that epitomized happiness to us is severed. We may know deep pain, but we are not without a solid foundation for rebuilding the structure of our lives. We have an awareness, even in our unhappiest moments, that when we open the door of our hearts—even though it be but a slight opening—we shall feel the response from God that heals our hurts and lifts our hearts.

Do not keep the door of your heart closed to life and happiness. Make the effort to push the door ajar.

There are hearts reaching out for the love and understanding you have to give. There are opportunities all about you to serve, to learn, to grow.

God has happiness for you, but you must open the door of your heart to accept this happiness.

♣ *I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you.*—JOHN 14:18.

Sunday

THE GLORY OF THE CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS NOW AWAKENED IN MY SOUL, QUICKENS, HEALS, AND STRENGTHENS ME.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

THE SAME CHRIST that came into perfect expression in the world in Jesus abides in me. This Christ is the perfect Son of God, and Christ is my Saviour from every ill or inharmony of mind or body.

My soul rejoices in the truth that the Christ abides in me now. I am momently conscious of His holy presence. He illumines me with His glory, and I see myself as God sees me, triumphant, glorious, splendid!

The Christ consciousness is now fully awakened in my soul. I am quickened, stimulated, energized with power from on high. I am set free from belief in illness, weakness, or imperfection. I am strengthened and animated with new life. I am made whole and well. I am healed.

I lift up my heart in the hymn of the holy angels: "Glory to God in the highest"! In utmost reverence I repeat the profound prayer of Jesus: "Glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee."

♣ *Father . . . glorify thy Son.*—JOHN 17:1.

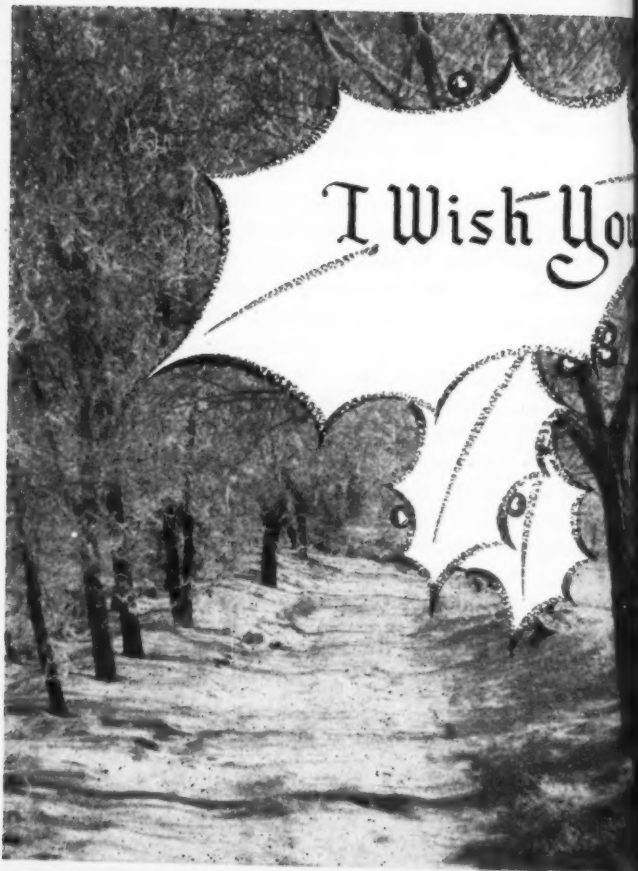
Monday

I GIVE THANKS THAT THERE IS PLENTY AND TO SPARE OF EVERY GOOD THING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

IT IS encouraging to remember that God's good for His children is inexhaustible. This means that there is plenty and to spare of every good thing in the universe. The fact that one person receives richly of the Father's abundant blessings does not subtract one bit from the good of the rest. Each person has his own good, and when we know that there is plenty for all we are made joyful when we see another's good become manifest. We are impressed anew with the realization of God's unlimited good. We are reminded that there is vast good in store for us, too, and we prepare to receive it. We hasten its manifestation by giving thanks for the blessings that are already ours as well as for the manifestation of good everywhere.

We develop an attitude of expectancy attuned to abundant good. We realize that the blessings bestowed upon another cannot deprive us of our own, and we rejoice in our awareness of God's inexhaustible supply of good.

♣ *It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*—LUKE 12:32.


I Wish You

Merry Christmas

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

I wish you Merry Christmas,
  I say it like a prayer—
When you wake Christmas morning
  May all you wish be there.

Oh, may the Spirit of the Christ
  Into your heart descend!
I wish you Merry Christmas,
  It means, I love you, friend.

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON IS A HAPPY, JOYOUS TIME FOR ME.

WE CAN make this season of the year one of great joy, expectancy, and spiritual unfoldment, or we can allow ourselves to become overburdened, anxious, and overwhelmed with the many activities and demands made upon our time and energies.

Let us take time for prayer during these busy days, let us take time to remember what the birth of Jesus means to us and to the world. He is the love of God made manifest to the world, and at the season of His birth more persons consciously feel a quickening love, a desire to give, a desire to be at peace with their fellow men.

Love makes our way peaceful and pleasant; love blesses the hours of the days, so that we have time to accomplish all that we have before us; love energizes us and renews our strength.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, we can draw upon God's love for patience, for understanding, for forbearance, and this Christmas season will be truly a happy, joyous time for us.

♣ *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.* —JOHN 1:14.

Wednesday

I AM LOVINGLY INTERESTED IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

I AM not just intellectually aware of the Christ in others, but I am vitally aware of their personalities and keenly interested in what they do. When others reach the heights of success I am more than glad to applaud and to rejoice with them. When another falls it is my privilege to help him to his feet. When there are tears I wipe them away with gentle understanding. When there is laughter I add my own laughter and increase the joy. To faithful ones who do their daily tasks with uncomplaining loyalty, I express my gratitude. To those who grumble and complain and are easily disturbed, I make special effort to bless them and to help them in any way I can to find peace and poise and joy.

Wherever I go among people, I am lovingly interested in them, for they are my blood relations in the great holy family of God.

♣ *Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in.*—MATT. 25:34, 35.

Thursday

GOD IN THE MIDST OF ME IS MIGHTY TO QUICKEN, TO STRENGTHEN, TO VITALIZE, TO HEAL, AND TO MAKE WHOLE.

WHEN I have a condition of ill-health in my body, rather than striving to overcome the condition itself I work through prayer to lift up my consciousness of health. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all . . . unto myself."

Our bodies respond to our thought. What we need to realize in effecting healing is that we should not focus our attention upon the body or upon some part of it that needs healing, but our attention, our thought should be given to thinking about the truth of our spiritual nature. The closer we come to the realization of our oneness with the life and power of God, the greater the healing effect upon the cells of our bodies.

If you need healing, make the effort to give some time each day to thinking constructive, true, spiritual thoughts. Thus, you will be lifting up your consciousness, you will be setting into action the healing power of God in your life.

♣ *And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all . . . unto myself.*—JOHN 12:32.

Friday

GOD DIRECTS MY WAY TOWARD SUCCESS AND SATISFACTION.

WHEN we feel dissatisfaction with our work or with our progress we need to decide where we want to go and how best to get there. For, even though we are confronted with challenging circumstances or seemingly difficult personalities, our progress is primarily dependent on the direction we take and on our own efforts to move in this direction. No amount of blaming others or rationalizing our lack of satisfaction ever relieves us of the responsibility we have for our own progress. It is only by accepting this responsibility, by questioning ourselves honestly, and by proceeding in accordance with the answers we get that we are able to go forward.

When we question ourselves in an attitude of prayer we are able to recognize whether our lack of progress is due to a fundamental uncongeniality with the work we are doing or whether we are not putting ourselves into it as fully as we should. Whatever answer we get, there is a direction to take that leads toward success and satisfaction.

♣ *Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel.*—PSALMS 73:24.

Saturday

I KEEP MY THOUGHTS CENTERED IN THE NEVER-FAILING, NEVER-ENDING GOODNESS AND LOVE OF GOD, AND I HAVE GREAT PEACE.

"GREAT peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

Circumstances in my life may not be to my liking; I may have conditions to meet or handle that seem difficult and unhappy, but I am able to keep my inward peace because my thoughts are stayed on God, because I love His law of good, because I have firm and unshakable faith in His presence and power in all and through all.

The thoughts and words of others cannot offend me, neither can my own thoughts or emotions offend me. I am poised and centered in God, and mine is a peaceful, undisturbed, undismayed spirit.

I let go of unhappy thoughts and feelings of the past; I let go of fears and resentments; I let go of hurt or bitterness. I keep my thoughts centered in the never-failing, never-ending goodness and love of God.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

—PSALMS 119:165 (A.V.).

Sunday

"MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD, AND MY SPIRIT HATH REJOICED IN GOD MY SAVIOUR."

"MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord." With all my thoughts, with all my feelings, with all my spirit, with all that is within me, I praise His holy name.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord." No longer do I magnify negation; no longer do I magnify fear and doubt; no longer do I magnify the appearance of sickness, lack, or unhappiness. My soul magnifies the good. I magnify the presence and power of God in all persons, in all circumstances, in all conditions.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord." In magnifying the Lord my soul is enlarged, my vision is spiritualized, my understanding is quickened, my consciousness of the Christ in me is expanded and enlarged.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord" this day and in all the days to come. My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
—LUKE 1:46, 47.

Monday

DECEMBER 21

THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH SHALL SHINE UPON ME AND GUIDE MY FEET INTO THE WAY OF PEACE.

THE birth of Christ in me is evidenced by the dawning of light in my mind. As the morning sun bathes the world in light, so the dayspring from on high, the Christ indwelling, bathes my being in light.

I now open my heart and mind to the light of Christ. All darkness disappears from my soul as His light penetrates me through and through. I rejoice in the new day that is dawning in my soul. I rejoice that the dayspring from on high is shining in me and in all. I see all those I love, all those for whom I pray bathed in the Christ light. I see the light shining on those "that sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

My thoughts are illumined, and my life is transformed by the light of Christ. I walk in new paths, and my feet are guided into the way of peace.

The dayspring from on high shall visit us,
To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

—LUKE 1:78, 79.

Tuesday

"OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF PEACE THERE SHALL BE NO END."

As Christmas 1953 approaches, I renew my faith in the age-old prophecy of the reign of the Prince of Peace in the world of men.

I know that I do my part in fulfilling this prophecy as I let Christ, the Prince of Peace, be born anew in my own heart and mind. And I contribute to the peace of the world by expressing the Christ love, the Christ forgiveness, the Christ understanding, the Christ wisdom in all that I think, do, and say.

I pray for the world, for the governments of the world, for world leaders that they may recognize their true head, their one guide—Christ, the Prince of Peace. In my prayers I behold the Christ in them, and I give thanks that His Spirit reigns supreme, that the government of the world is upon His shoulders.

♣ *And the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.* —ISA. 9:6, 7.

Wednesday

I DO THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE BY ME THIS DAY, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS REVEALED TO ME.

WHEN WE read the beautiful passage in Luke about the appearance of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds, announcing the birth of Jesus, it is inspirational to us to realize that the angel of the Lord appeared to simple shepherds who were doing the job that was theirs to do.

When we long for some great spiritual work, when we wish that we were wonderful enough or great enough to have Christ revealed to us, let us remember the shepherds. Like them, we, too, must keep watch over our thoughts and feelings; we, too, must keep watch over our lives; we, too, must do the things that need to be done by us. And we, like the shepherds, can know the glory of the Lord, we can find the presence of Christ, we can hear the angelic song in our hearts.

✽ *And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them . . . And the angel said unto them . . . behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.*—LUKE 2:8, 9, 10.

Thursday

LIKE THE WISE MEN OF OLD, I OFFER MY GIFTS TO CHRIST.

WE are wise, indeed, when we offer our gifts to Christ, for that which we give to Him returns to bless us a hundredfold.

The Wise Men "offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." But what we offer no money can buy, what we offer no one can give but ourselves. We offer Christ the gift of our faith; we offer Him the gift of our love; we offer Him the gift of our minds; we offer Him the gift of our hearts; we offer Him the gift of ourselves.

The faith we give to Christ becomes a strong and mighty faith, a faith that is able "to remove mountains." The love we give to Christ becomes an all-transcending love, a love that is infinite in blessing, a love that transforms our lives. The minds we give to Christ become imbued with His divine thoughts and illumined with His light; the hearts we give to Christ become hearts of compassion, hearts of peace, hearts of happiness. The selves we give to Christ become Christ selves!

♣ *And opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts.*—MATT. 2:11.

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25

THIS IS THE DAY IN WHICH I GARNER THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

WHEN we are in the midst of activity, in the midst of planning and carrying through with our plans we experience exhilaration and pleasure, but it is not until we have time for retrospection that we garner the real fruits of our experience. So on Christmas Day we have the fulfillment of the Christmas season, on Christmas Day we realize the real meaning and purpose of all the planning, all the shopping, all the activity. It is the birth of Christ, the love of God incarnate, that is the reason for it all.

The outer preparations are symbolic of the inner preparations that herald the birth of Christ. Thus, we set the scene, outwardly and inwardly, for this most wonderful spiritual experience.

We give our talent and energy in preparing for Christmas, we pour out love and good will in preparing for Christmas, we are thoughtful and generous toward others in preparing for Christmas.

And so our preparations bring us to Christmas Day itself, and the full meaning of Christmas bursts upon us. Christ is born in us!

♠ *Unto us a child is born.*—ISA. 9:6.

Saturday

I MAKE THIS A DAY OF INNER JOY, REGARDLESS OF OUTER CIRCUMSTANCES.

I MEDITATE on joy, I pray for joy, I practice expressing joy this day. I refuse to let my joy be dissipated by any cause whatsoever for this one day. My joy is the joy of the Lord; and as long as I feel a oneness with Him, so long am I filled with joy.

Joy is a wellspring within me. I know that God is, that this is His world, that I am His! How, then, can I help being filled with His joy!

I let joy shine through my smile, a friendly greeting to all who pass my way. I let joy color my thoughts, filtering out any negative, dark-colored ones and replacing them with bright-colored, positive thoughts.

I let the feeling of pure joy fill my body. Joy brings harmony and healing to every cell and every function.

I make this a day of inner joy regardless of outer circumstances. I make this day a very carol of joy, a hymn sung in praise of God.

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth:
Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
—PSALMS 98:4.

Sunday

I SEE THE INNATE GOOD IN EVERY SITUATION.

I AM filled with love and compassion for God's children everywhere, but I do not take the cares of the world upon my shoulders or allow myself to become bowed down by them. I look beyond negation to the potential good in every situation. When the troubles of those around me would blind me to the good I remember that God sees the perfection in all persons, circumstances, and things, and I resolve to see as God sees.

I release discouraging thoughts and see all things and all persons with the limitless vision of Spirit. I speak and think Truth for my associates, and they are blessed by my prayers and my faith in the ultimate manifestation of their good. Despite appearances, I rejoice that even now their good is coming forth in ways I know not, or need to know.

All that is required of me is to leave them lovingly and faithfully in God's hands.

I look beyond appearances, beyond negation and behold the innate good in every situation.

♠ *The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.* —MATT. 6:22.

Monday

I HAVE FAITH THAT GOD'S BALANCING, EQUALIZING LOVE IS EFFECTING JUSTICE.

WHEN we look for justice on the surface of life we do not always see it, for there are balancing and equalizing processes taking place in the depths of life that none of us can see.

We would need to see all of life in order to say, "I see justice." But the instances of justice that we do see tell us that justice is real, that it is ours, that our faith in it and our efforts in its behalf make it ever more perceptible.

We say to you who seek justice: "Have faith in the balancing and equalizing processes taking place in life. Believe in justice and affirm it for yourself and for those who are seeking its blessing. Accept it as your heritage from God and as the heritage of every other human being. In all your associations with other persons remember the submerged part of each life and do not judge by the surface of things. Trust the great heart that beats for all to effect justice."

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne.

—PSALMS 89:14.

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29

THE RESURRECTING SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY ACTIVITY NOW AT WORK IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF MY LIFE.

I DO not accept as final or as necessary any limiting or unhappy circumstance in my life. I let go of the belief that unhappiness is inevitable or that decline of my faculties cannot be avoided with the passing years. Now, this moment, I release all limiting beliefs and I surrender my entire being to the all-overcoming Christ within me. I affirm for myself that which is true of the Christ in me. I affirm that the same Spirit that overcame all things through Jesus can overcome all things through me.

I now surrender my consciousness to the Christ in me and let His wisdom fill my mind with the radiant ideas I need to meet all situations victoriously. I let His resurrecting love have its renewing, beautifying, harmonizing way with my mind, body, and affairs.

The resurrecting Spirit of Jesus Christ is the only activity now at work in every department of my life.

♣ *All things are possible to him that believeth.*—MARK 9:23.

Wednesday

I FACE EVERY SITUATION IN MY LIFE WITH ABSOLUTE TRUST IN THE CHRIST WITHIN ME.

RIGHT WHERE I am this very moment is all the help I need to meet whatever confronts me. Within me now is the Christ, willing and eager to set me free from every sense of inharmony and limitation. The Christ within me is for me; and if the Christ is for me, nothing can be against me, for the Christ is master of all things and all circumstances.

Therefore, I am not tempted to run away from anyone or anything in my life. The Christ is powerful and accessible in this place and in this moment.

No circumstance, no matter how entangled it may be, has power to interfere with the all-adjusting action of the Christ within.

Neither time nor place nor circumstance nor environment nor personalities can stand between me and the Christ. In the midst of every situation I stand still and trust His all-adjusting presence and power.

♣ *Neither . . . height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*—ROM. 8:38, 39.

Thursday

TODAY I LET GO OF OLD THOUGHTS AND OLD CONDITIONS AND LET GOD DIRECT MY LIFE AND AFFAIRS.

TODAY I release my life into the keeping of God. Quietly and confidently I yield myself to His direction and guidance.

In letting go of old thoughts and old conditions I feel a deep sense of peace, and I am assured of a successful day. My day is filled with only those things that are good and desirable.

As I rest in the assurance that He is with me, constantly pointing out the way I should go, I am filled with a deep sense of satisfaction and contentment, for I know that He guides me aright.

I go forward in the realization that God is ever near, instantly available the moment I turn to Him for help. I am keenly aware of His nearness, of His love for me, and of His blessing upon all that I do.

Today I let go and let God's life and love flow through every cell of my body. Today I let go and let God direct my life and affairs. Today I place my trust in Him, and all is well.

♣ *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.* —PSALMS 37:23 (A.V.).

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For Special Friends

The Household of Faith, by James Dillet Freeman, is the perfect gift for your loved ones and special friends. It is the story of Unity School of Christianity and its founders, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. It is a human story, the story of how a man and a woman met many human trials; but it is also a spiritual story, for it tells how gloriously they came through these trials to achieve a wonderful life, not only for themselves but for many others as well. Price, $5.

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tions include the metaphysical meanings, which are enlightening; they seem to add a whole new dimension to Bible study.

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In Grade 1½—DAILY WORD magazine (for adults), the book *Lessons in Truth* (for adults), and the booklet *Finding the Christ* (for adults).

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Effectual Prayer
The Silence (50¢)

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Christ Enthroned in Man
Know Thyself
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Teach Us to Pray *(English or French)*
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Barky and His Friends
Crybaby Kangaroo
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Jet and the New Country
Jet's Choice
Adventures of the Seven Spartans
Teach Me to Pray
Thank You, God

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by Lawrent Lee

Unity's newest book for children. A collection of fourteen fascinating stories about the members of the Spartan Club. Illustrated with silhouette drawings, and bound in green.

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Three books of pioneer stories about Jet Stockwell and his family. Illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings, and bound in red.

Teach Me to Pray
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A book of thirty stories and prayers for children—one for each day of the month. Beautifully illustrated in full color.

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Crybaby Kangaroo *Barky and His Friends*
by Georgia Tucker Smith

Two books of read-aloud stories in lilting rhymed prose. Charming animal illustrations and bright covers enliven both.

Thank You, God
by Bill and Bernard Martin

A children's prayer book by the well-known Martin brothers. Profusely illustrated in glowing full color.

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I Wish You Merry Christmas

Just in time for your Christmas giving, here is a new Unity Greeting Booklet. Entitled *I Wish You Merry Christmas,* it is a heartwarming collection of short articles and poems in the true yuletide spirit. It includes selections by R. H. Grenville, James Dillet Freeman, Clara Bell Thurston, and many other well-known Unity authors, and its cover bears a Christmasy snow scene that is lovely enough to frame.

Besides the new booklet *I Wish You Merry Christmas* these eleven other greeting booklets are also especially suitable for Christmas giving:

Christmas Blessing
The Christmas Spirit
God Bless Your Christmas
The Great Helper
Holy Bread
Life Is Consciousness
The Mental Equivalent
The Protecting Presence
Recipes for Living
The Song of Life
The Week Before Christmas

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In a room of a building in Unity Village where a light is shining from a window someone is praying, someone with a spirit kindred to your own, someone whose thoughts reach out to you in faith, someone whose heart reaches out to you in love. The light in this window shines for you. The light in this heart shines for you.

Silent Unity is as the Christ light lit in the window of the world. If you are a traveler on the road of prayer, this light shines for you.